How to Enroll in the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit Program

- All land eligible for the credit in Jefferson County is Zoned A-1, therefore Schedule FC-A must be used.
- Your farm must produce \$6000 of gross receipts each year or \$18000 over 3 years in order to be eligible.

New participants please follow these steps.

- Work with the LWCD staff to develop a conservation plan
 - o Sign the Conservation Plan Agreement (renter must sign as well, if applicable)
- You need to have a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) developed for all cropland.
 - o Turn in a NMP 590 Checklist (must be filled out by a certified plan writer).
 - Each year you will need to turn in this updated form with your annual certification to remain in compliance
- LWCD staff will need to complete on farm site evaluation for all Conservation Requirements.
 - Pay \$25 for your Certificate of Compliance with Conservation Standards (you must attach this to your Schedule FC-A tax form)
 - o Then fill out and turn in annual certification for the applicable tax year.

New Participants that want to file an amended return and receive the tax credit for previous years you will need to follow these steps.

- You cannot have an outstanding Non Compliance.
- Consult your Tax Advisor to determine feasibility.
- Request a 5 year crop history for your farm from the Farm Service agency and remit to the LWCD.
- Work with the LWCD staff to develop a conservation plan.
 - o Sign the Conservation Plan Agreement (renter must sign as well, if applicable).
 - o Fill out and turn in annual certification form to the LWCD the applicable tax year.
- Get Zoning Certificate from Laurie Miller in the Zoning Dept. (Rm. 212) to attach to your taxes.
- You will need to have a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) developed for all cropland by 9/30/2012 for the 2013 crop year.
 - You must turn in a NMP 590 Checklist (must be filled out by a certified plan writer) by the deadline to the LWCD.
 - Each year you will need to turn in this updated form with your annual certification to remain in compliance.

If you need to cancel a Notice of Noncompliance in order to claim you will need to follow these steps.

- Work with the LWCD staff to develop a conservation plan
 - o Sign the Conservation Plan Agreement (renter must sign as well, if applicable)
- You need to have a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) developed for all cropland.
 - o Turn in a NMP 590 Checklist (must be filled out by a certified plan writer).
 - Each year you will need to turn in this updated form with your annual certification to remain in compliance
- LWCD staff will need to complete on farm site evaluation for all Conservation Requirements.
 - Pay \$75 for your Cancelation of Notice of Noncompliance and Certificate of Compliance with Conservation Standards (you must attach this to your Schedule FC-A tax form)
 - o Then fill out and turn in annual certification for the applicable tax year.
- The Cancelation of Notice of Noncompliance must be issued before December 31st of the tax year in order to be eligible in that year for the tax credit.